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SUBJECT: CODEL MANSFIELD VISIT TO LAOS

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1. IN FURTHER DISCUSSION OF TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR CODEL WHICH WE HELD WITH CHIEF OF PROTOCOL KHAMTHAN AUGUST 13, HE STATED THAT DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER WHO WOULD RECEIVE CODEL MIGHT BE NOUHAH PHOUMSAVAN, SECOND RANKING MEMBER OF LAO GOVERNMENT AND PARTY.
2. WE ALSO INFORMED KHAMTHAN THAT BANGKOK ATTACHE PLANE WAS MARKED "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" NOT "US AIR FORCE", AND THAT MILITARY PILOTS WOULD BE IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES. KHAMTHAN SAID REQUEST FOR PLANE TO LAND WAS BEFORE HIS SUPERIORS.
3. WE NOTE FROM REF C THAT CODEL REQUESTS THAT NO FORMAL SOCIAL AFFAIRS BE SCHEDULED. IN DISCUSSION WITH KHAMTHAN, WE MADE THIS POINT. HOWEVER, KHAMTHAN INDICATED LAO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HOSTING EITHER LUNCH, DINNER OR BREAKFAST IF WE HOSTED ANOTHER MAEL. WE REPLIED THAT IT WAS UP TO CODEL WHETHER SCHEDULE COULD INCLUDE ANY SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.
4. IF CODEL DOES WISH TO ATTEND INFORMAL SOCIAL FUNCTIONS,

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SUGGEST THAT I HOST AMERICAN-ONLY LUNCHEON ON ARRIVAL AND

ALSO DINNER WITH KNOWLEDGEABLE FOREIGN OBSERVERS AND SOME LAO.
LAO COULD THEN HOST BREAKFAST WHICH WOULD BE FAIRLY SHORT,
ALTHOUGH IT MIGHT DELAY DEPARTURE OF CODEL SLIGHTLY.
ALTERNATIVELY, WE MIGHT LEAVE IT TO LAO TO PICK MEAL TO
HOST, AND I WOULD TAKE WHATEVER MEAL IS LEFT. WOULD
PREFER, HOWEVER, TO HAVE AMERICAN-ONLY LUNCH WHICH WOULD GIVE
CODEL TIME TO RELAX AFTER MORNING'S JOURNEY AND PERMIT EMBASSY
BRIEFING.

5. REQUEST CODEL ADVISE ITS WISHES FOR POSSIBLE SOCIAL
FUNCTIONS.
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